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SUBJECT: SOVIET COMPLAINT ON DULLES AIRPORT CUSTOMS
PROCEDURES

1. IN NOTE RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 19, SOVIET EMBASSY COMPLAINS ABOUT TREATMENT OF VISITORS ARRIVING AT AND TRANSITING DULLES AIRPORT WHO HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN SUBJECTED TO CUSTOMS INSPECTION DESPITE OFFICIAL NATURE OF VISITS AND DIPLOMATIC STATUS. CASES CITED ARE LARGELY A COMPENDIUM OF EVENTS DATING FROM SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1974, WITH THE ADDITION OF A PROTEST OVER BAGGAGE INSPECTION OF TWO SOVIET MFA COUNSELORS WHO WERE IN TRANSIT ON C-3 VISAS DECEMBER 13.

2. SOVIET EMBASSY ALSO STATES THAT DULLES OFFICIALS ARE COLLECTING CUSTOMS DUTIES FROM (UNSPECIFIED) SOVIET CITIZENS WITHOUT EXPLANATION OR PROPER RECEIPT. CONTRAST
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DRAWN BETWEEN DULLES TREATMENT OF SOVIETS AND QUOTE

ATTENTIVE AND BENEVOLENT UNQUOTE ATTITUDE OF SOVIET
AUTHORITIES TOWARD ALL US CITIZENS QUOTE TRAVELING TO THE
SOVIET UNION WITH GOOD INTENTIONS. UNQUOTE SOVIET
EMBASSY EXPRESSES HOPE THAT US WILL RESPECT PRINCIPLE OF
RECIPROCITY IN CUSTOMS AND VISA MATTERS.

3. DEPARTMENT IS CHECKING SOVIET ALLEGATIONS WITH
CONCERNED USG AGENCIES AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY

COMMENT AND RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR INCLUSION
IN REPLY TO SOVIETS. SINCE THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAS
BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE OF CUSTOMS TREATMENT OF ALL SOVIET
NATIONALS, DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING WIDE-RANGING REPLY
COVERING RECENT CASES OF MISTREATMENT OF AMERICANS BY
SOVIET CUSTOMS.

4. COPY OF NOTE NO. 139 WILL BE POUCHED TO ALL ADDRESS-
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